NEW MEXICO BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
REGULAR MEETING

IN PERSON AT DoIT
725 6th Street, Albuquerque, NM 87102

APPROVED MINUTES

July 15, 2026

Call to Order

The Meeting of the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order by Dr. Lawrence Young, the Board Chair, at approximately 1:03 p.m. The Board's Executive Director Debbie Schenk conducted a roll call.

Roll Call

Members Present

Dr. Lawrence D. Young, Board Chair
Dr. Emily Walker, Vice Chair
Dr. Hannah Leonard, Professional Member
Dr. Amy Land, Professional Member
Ms. Kristen Chavez, Public Member

Members Absent

Ms. Jennifer Rabinowitz, Public Member

Agency Representative

Debbie Schenk, Executive Director to Board

Legal Counsel

Chris Harrington, NM Department of Justice

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Dr. Young asked if the board members had reviewed the proposed agenda and if he could get a motion to approve. Dr. Walker motioned to approve the agenda and Dr. Leonard seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

State Veterinarian Update

No update.

Approval of April 22, 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes

Dr. Young asked if he could get a motion or if there were any changes needed to the April 22 , 2026, draft minutes. Dr. Walker a motion to approve the Minutes and Dr. Leonard seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Inspector Report

Between Dr. MacDougall and Dr. Balok, 157 facilities were inspected in FY26. and 12 shelters were inspected by Dr. MacDougall in FY26. Dr. MacDougall stated 95 to 98% of inspections go well. Overall, the inspections are going well.

AI Ultrasound Exam

Many Encinias presented the AI ultrasound exam draft to the board that will be administered by him. Dr. Walker motioned to approve the exam as presented and Dr. Leonard seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Complaints 26-50, 25-07, 25-12 and 25-13 are all complete.

The word enjoin on the veterinarian exam, question #68 will be changed to the word prohibit due to many examinees questioning what the word enjoin means.

A doctor that already has two previous extensions for the required yearly CE is asking for the Board to approve a 3rd extension. Dr. Walker motioned to approve the extension and Dr. Leonard seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Director Deborah Schenk and legal counsel will work together on a decision for complaint 24-12.

New Business

Dr. Walker motioned to approve the continuing education requests and Dr. Leonard seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Walker suggested having a committee to write a proposed rule change to incorporate practice vehicles that are not in itself mobile unit practices. Chair, Dr. Young and Dr. Walker will form the committee to write the rule change.

Dr. Leonard will work on the next newsletter. The newsletter will be posted on the NMBVM website and a blast email will go out to all the veterinarians.

Director Deborah Schenk asked if the board members would please check their NMBVM emails more frequently and if she can please get responses to the emails.

Shelter Committee Update

The midyear reports for all 28 of the 2025 grants have been received. About $560,000.00 of the million that was awarded has been spent. Over 5,400 spay and neuters have been completed.

The application window for the 2026 program opened May 1st and closed June 1st. 67 applications were received and the total asking was just under 2.8 million. On August 5th the Sheltering Committee will meet with the Board to present their recommendations for funding allocations to individual organizations.

The Sheltering Committee has noticed there is some confusion with the shelters as to what type of license is needed. The Sheltering Committee would like to draft a document with the licensing requirements and get the Board's approval to send to legal by mid-September to have it ready for the October meeting for discussion. Dr. Land volunteered to be a point of contact for the draft. The final document once it has been approved would be posted on the website.

Disciplinary Matters (presented by Complaint Review Committee)

Chair Young made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(1), to consider the issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license and disciplinary matters. The closed session is limited to discussion of the matters identified in the motion. Any final action will take place after the closed session, on record, and in the open session. Dr. Walker seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting went into closed session at approximately 2:06 pm.

The meeting went back to open session at approximately 3:23pm.

Complaint #26-19 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-20 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-23 – Dr. Land made a motion to make this a non-reportable violation of 61.14.18 practicing without a license and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-24 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-25 – Dr. Land made a motion to make this a non-reportable violation of the practic16.25.9.17.G and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-26 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-27 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-28 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-29 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-35 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-36 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-37 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-38 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-39 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-40 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-10 – Dr. Land made a motion to make this a reportable violation of the practice act 16.25.9.8.B, 16.25.9.21.A, 16.25.9.18, a $1,000.00 fine, 8 hours of continuing education in surgical analgesia and aseptic technique and 4 hours of continuing education in medical record keeping and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-15 – Dr. Land made a motion that there are no violations and Chair Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

Complaint #26-16 was dismissed on April 22, 2026. Dr. Walker made a motion to decline to re-evaluate this case and Chair, Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Complaint #26-11- Dr. Walker made a motion to proceed with the NCA and Chair, Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Complaint #24-16-Dr. Land made a motion to accept the settlement agreement and Chair, Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Walker abstaining.

Complaint #24-14-Dr. Walker made a motion to reject the signed pre-settlement agreement and Dr. Leonard seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

No announcements.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Next Scheduled Meeting

October 14, 2026, at 1:00 pm.

There being no further business before the Board, Chair, Dr. Young adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:33 p.m.